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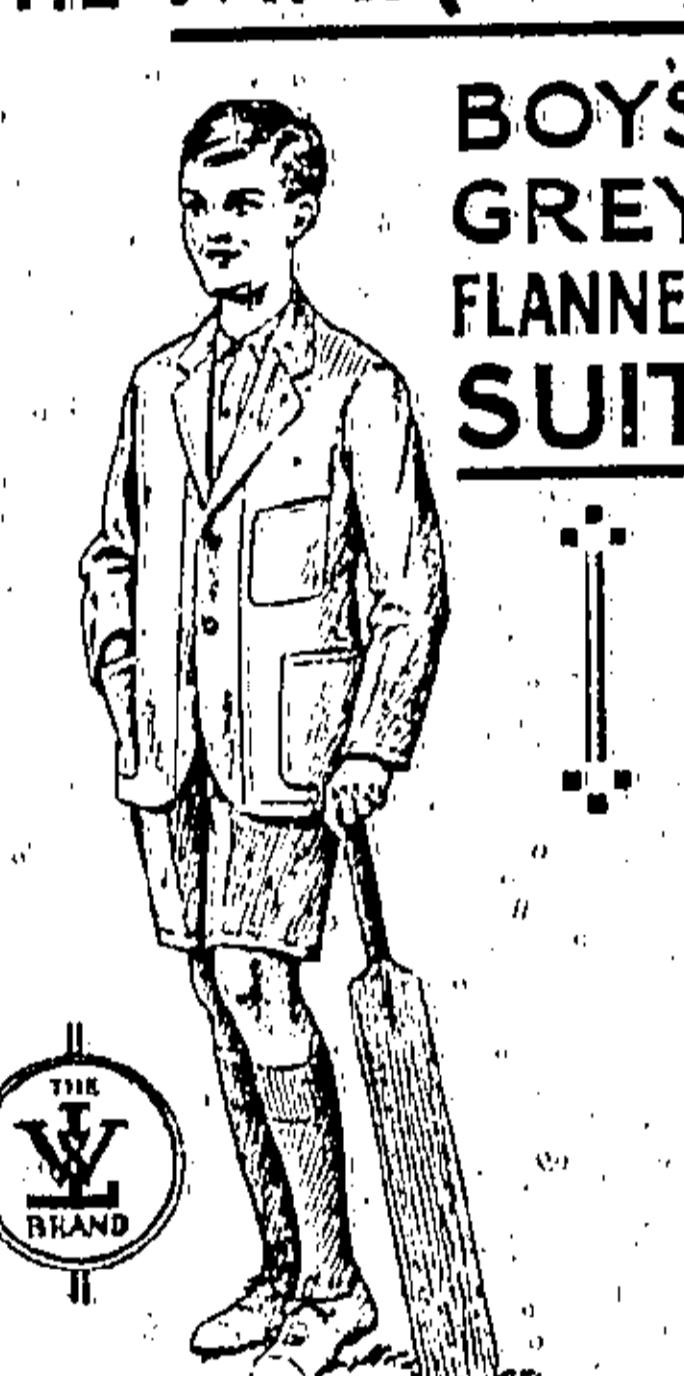
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CANTON'S VICTORY.

NEARING ALLIED HEADQUARTERS.

Following Up Surprise Move.

BLOW STRUCK AT HEART OF NORTHERNERS' TERRITORY.

Following up their surprise advantage, the southerners are now striking at the very heart of Sun Chuan-fang's territory. Hostilities on three of the four sectors in the Kiangsi front are of little consequence at the moment.

Both sides are concentrating on one part of the front in a desperate struggle and the Cantonese are winning again.

(By Our Special Correspondent.)

General Li Chung-yen (of Kwangsi), who commands the 7th Nationalist Army, is the Cantonese hero of the hour.

Before embarking on the northern expedition, this 7th Army had little experience of warfare. Whether it is due to the inspiration of victory, or to Russian strategy, these hitherto untrained troops have brought off the coup of the present war.

Along the Yangtse, the allies had one column marching on Wuchang until held up at Hwangchow. An armistice has been declared on this sector, it is reported.

Squeezed in Between.

The centre column was making overland for Changsha and Yochow to cut the Cantonese line of communication. This is now in hilly country near Shaoshui.

The southern column, after retaking Nanchang from the Nationalists, had marched out to Kao-an and fought two battles.

In between the northern and centre sectors, General Li Chung-yen stole up to an advanced position, met difficulty in extricating himself, and then surprised Te-an.

Northerners Withdrawn.

He has only about 5,000 troops with him. Unless there is an allied debacle, there is no immediate prospect of other southern detachments joining hands with him.

Nevertheless, General Li has defected northwards, leaving Nanchang to colleagues further south, and is making for Kiukiang where he hopes to catch Sun Chuan-fang's headquarters unaware.

Several engagements have been fought by this mobile division of the 7th army and the northern allies have been fighting back.

To stem the advance of General Li, Sun Chuan-fang is bringing back his men posted along the Yangtse.

On Way to Success.

Should Kiukiang fall, the Cantonese will then have accomplished the first big step towards subduing the "allied 5 provinces."

Sun Chuan-fang still has the territorial advantage. His centre and southern columns can both wheel round and attack Gen. Li from the rear. But as they are also facing an enemy on their front they show no immediate desire to take this step.

The allies seem to be relying on the troops being withdrawn from advanced positions along the Yangtse who—it is expected—will return down river, land, and make a stand at or near Kiukiang.

Throwing in Reserves.

That the situation is dangerous is evident from Sun Chuan-fang's throwing in several brigades of fresh reserves.

Several thousand strong, these are going to the railway and taking up posts along which Gen. Li is making for.

Unless a general armistice supervenes, it will be fought to a finish along the Kiukiang-Nanchang Railway with the odds at present slightly in favour of the more enterprising southerners.

Sun Chuan-fang's claim to the capture of Wuchang-hsien is not borne out.

Official Despatch.

The following is published by courtesy of the Naval authorities in Hong Kong:

Fighting is reported in the immediate vicinity of Kiukiang, to defend which Marshal Sun Chuan-fang has recalled 7,000 troops from Wusueh.

H.M.S. "Gnat" has proceeded to Kiukiang.

(Note: Kiukiang is in the north of Kiangsi, the northern terminal of the Kiukiang-Nanchang Railway. Te-an is in the middle of the line. Sun Chuan-fang's base is at Kiukiang, whence his men have gone west.)

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TROUBLE OVER.

An Understanding With Yang Sen.

NO MILITARY INTERFERENCE.

British Ships Not to be Boarded in Future.

Ruby, Oct. 6.—After the unconditional return to the British authorities of the two steamers which had been held on the Yangtse River by General Yang Sen—a preliminary measure insisted upon as the condition precedent to further parleys—British Consular officers and General Yang Sen have discussed other matters relating to conditions on the Yangtse.

The situation as affecting British interests there, partly as a result of these conversations, shows distinct improvement and there is likely to be a discontinuance in future of military interference with British merchant shipping within an extensive area under General Yang Sen's jurisdiction.

Soldiers Must Pay.

In future the habit of Chinese troops to travel on river steamers without payment will have to be discontinued. Henceforth no such troops will be allowed to board British vessels.

Chungking, on the upper Yangtse, is reported to be quiet.

Vessels of the British Naval flotilla are proceeding up-river to normal winter stations.—British Wireless Service.

The following is published, by courtesy of the Naval authorities in Hong Kong:

Hankow, Oct. 6.—H.M.S. "Widgeon" leaves at daylight to-morrow (Thursday) for Chungking.

HANKOW DISORDER.

Stones Thrown at Superintendent of Police.

Hankow, October 6.—In the course of the attempt by anti-British demonstrators to enter the British Concession (as reported yesterday), stone-throwing occurred.

The superintendent of (Concession) Police, Mr. Law, and a Sikh constable sustained nasty cuts.—Reuter.

DUE ON 10TH.

FLOTILLA LEADER AND DESTROYERS.

CRUISERS ARRIVE LATER.

Upon enquiry this morning as when the flotilla leader, H.M.S. "Keppel," and the seven destroyers which were ordered to China from the Mediterranean station were expected in Hong Kong, the "China Mail" was informed that they were due on the 10th of this month (Sunday).

The aircraft carrier, H.M.S. "Hermes" is also due to arrive about the same date.

The four cruisers (H.M.'s ships "Yarmouth," "Dartmouth," "Carysfort" and "Castor") will arrive later, accompanied by H.M.S. "L. 27."

NEW LANDSLIDE.

BOULDER FALLS FROM OLD SITE.

CRASHES ON COOLIE.

While removing earth from the site of a landslide, a coolie was killed by a boulder slipping from a new landslide a little further up the incline.

This occurred yesterday near the new road above Conduit Road.

A ½-ton boulder crashed on to the man, injuring his left side. A rib was fractured and there were internal injuries. The man died half an hour after admittance into hospital.

TODAY'S DOLLAR.

The closing rate of the dollar, as demanded to-day was 1.11.15 16

BOYCOTT END.

Chang Kai-shek to Return?

PICKETS STILL AT SAMCHUN

Dictator Said to be Keen on "Settlement."

General Chang Kai-shek, the virtual dictator of the Canton Government, is reported to have cabled back that he may return shortly after October 10 if his presence is imperative.

Rumour says that the present leaders in Canton have cabled the commander-in-chief, who is preoccupied with a momentous struggle in Kiangsi. But if the settlement can only be achieved by his being on the spot he may return.

There is no change to report except that an improved tone continues, following the Canton Government's statement that communication will be restored after October 10.

Strike pickets are still on duty at Samchun (across the New Territory border), examining the usual quota of from 100 to 200 passengers who travel daily on the railway between Canton and Kowloon.

No indication has been noticed of a general withdrawal of pickets to Canton from outports for the promised demobilisation.

Consul Notified.

Ruby, Oct. 6.—A message from Canton states that Mr. Eugene Chen, the Foreign Minister of the Canton Nationalist Government has informed the (British?) Consul at Shameen that his Government has now definitely decided to resume communication between Canton and Hong Kong in pursuance of the intention to terminate the boycott.—British Wireless Service.

Canton, Oct. 6.

A combined meeting has been held between representatives of all classes and the Strike Committee.

It was resolved that after communications between Canton and Hong Kong had been restored, an organisation be formed to promote the development of Chinese products.

Another decision arrived at was that the Strike movement would be withdrawn but that other bodies would be formed to assist trade and protect labour.—"Wah Tsz Yat Po."

The "New Boycott"?

A series of resolutions were adopted at the 186th meeting of the Strikers' Representatives Committee at which it was claimed that 700 representatives and over 1,000 visitors were present.

Mr. Kam Nai-kwong of the Kuomintang and Mr. Tang Chung-ha of the All-China Labour Union spoke about new strike tactics.

In this connection, it may be recalled that for some time the Government has run the Peak Hospital which was lent to it rent free at the result of the action of a public spirited gentleman.

Never Stop Fighting.

The resolutions read:

I. In view of developing and consolidating the old revolutionary forces, the old policy of blockade must be changed and transformed into a nationwide anti-British boycott. As long as the May-June massacre question is not satisfactorily settled, and as long as unjust treaties are not abolished we will never stop fighting.

2. We support the Nationalist Government for the increase of direct taxes, urge its early realisation, and demand the Government to fulfil its declaration by utilising the yield of these taxes for the support of the strikers, but not for any other use.

Pickets to Remain.

3. The Strike Central Executive Committee, the Strikers' Representatives Committee, the picket organisation and other organs of the strike will remain as before.

4. Those of the strikers who have not yet obtained work will receive the same treatment as formerly.

5. We demand the Nationalist Government to order the Ministry of Finance to take the responsibility concerning the question of financial support for the strikers.

6. We urge the Government to construct the Whampoa port and to complete the Canton-Hankow Railway immediately in order to help the strikers. We also demand that in any new industry an reorganized old fac-

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Rebuild on Adjacent Site?

PRESENT POLICY.

Rumours As To War Memorial Scheme.

A question on which it is possible that there may be discussion at the Budget debate to take place shortly is that concerning the future of the Government Civil Hospital.

Some considerable time ago it was generally understood that the present site of the Hospital was recognised to be unsatisfactory in that it is difficult of access and in a congested, noisy area.

At that time it was understood that the Hospital was to be pulled down and rebuilt at Morrison Hill but this is not contemplated in the present policy of the Government. The "China Mail" understands that, although no work has yet been put in hand and no vote passed, it is the present intention of the Government to rebuild the Hospital entirely on a site adjacent to the present site of the Hospital being converted into public gardens.

That the Hospital is in a quarter of the city entirely Chinese is not regarded as a drawback, having regard to the fact that it is mainly concerned with service to the Chinese residents.

The scheme for rebuilding will naturally be a costly one and it is stated that, if and when carried through, it will amount to something like three million dollars.

Peak Hospital Future.

It is also rumoured that there may be a change in policy with regard to the War Memorial Nursing Home, a scheme having been brought forward, it is stated, whereby the Peak Hospital might be enlarged and considerably improved, the scheme being incorporated in that which originally had, as its object the separate erection above the Peak Road of a War Memorial Nursing Home.

If this, in fact, meets with the approval of those who are concerned, then work on the War Memorial Nursing Home would not proceed and efforts would be concentrated on the Peak Hospital improvements.

Upon enquiry in official circles, the "China Mail" was informed that a formula was being sought which would meet with the approval of those concerned. No decision had yet been reached.

In this connection, it may be recalled that for some time the Government has run the Peak Hospital which was lent to it rent free at the result of the action of a public spirited gentleman.

In addition to ascertaining his views, there is, of course, the question of consulting the trustees representing subscribers, both Chinese and foreign,

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Dated 6th October, 1926.

FANLING HUNT RACES.

Saturday, October 30th, 1926.

ENTRIES for the STEEPLE-
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Race Course, Fanling, close on
SATURDAY, October 16th to Mr.
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Hong Kong, 5th October, 1926.

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FRIDAY, 8th October, 1926.

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ladies to the Members' Enclosure
will be \$2. Each member can
obtain upon application to the
Secretary, Badges for the admission
of 2 ladies free of charge.

Hong Kong, 25th Sept., 1926.

HONG KONG CRICKET CLUB.

THE ANNUAL GENERAL
MEETING will be held in the
Pavilion on FRIDAY, the 15th
OCTOBER, 1926 at 6.30 p.m.

AND

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
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By Order of the Committee,
J. D. HUMPHREYS,
Hon. Secretary.

Hong Kong, 1st October, 1926.

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MOMBASA—Via Singapore & Colombo.

PANAMA MARU Wednesday, 20th October.

CALCUTTA—Via Singapore and Rangoon.

SEATTLE MARU Monday, 25th October.

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SHIPPING NOTES.

VESSELS FROM FAR AND NEAR.

LATEST INTELLIGENCE.

The Japanese steamer "Malacca Maru" arrived this morning from Osaka and Moji and brought 408 tons of general cargo and 20 bags of mail. She will sail for Calcutta, Singapore and Penang to-morrow.

Bound for Seattle via Shanghai and Japan, the Admiral Oriental line "President Jackson" will sail this afternoon with 82 cabin passengers, over 300 tons of cargo for ports en route, and mail for United States and Canada.

The C.P.R. liner "Empress of Russia" which left Hong Kong on September 16 arrived in Vancouver on October 4.

From Foochow and Amoy, the s.s. "Haiching" of the Douglas Steamship Co., Ltd. arrived yesterday afternoon with 408 tons of general cargo for discharge here.

The s.s. "City of Bath" arrived at daylight to-day with no cargo for Hong Kong. She has over 1,000 tons for ports beyond. She will load cargo from here, and will sail for New York, Boston and Baltimore via the Suez Canal to-morrow.

Coming from Australia via Manilla, the s.s. "Changt" of the Eastern and Australian Line is expected to arrive to-morrow. The "Changt" left Manilla on Tuesday afternoon.

The French steamer "Les Fils de Paul Doumer" arrived from Saigon yesterday afternoon and brought over 1,247 tons of rice and three bags of mail for Hong Kong.

The E.I. steamer "Shirai" is due to-morrow from Shanghai via Amoy with cargo and mail. Messrs. Mackinnon, Mackenzie will despatch her on October 10 at noon, for Calcutta via Singapore and Penang.

The Blue Funnel steamer "Philocetes" arrived yesterday without any cargo for Hong Kong. She is loading cargo for Japan and will sail this afternoon after loading.

For Toulon: Jade.

For Shanghai: President Jackson.

For Muntok: Tjisindar.

For Kobe: Philocetes.

GUNPOWDER!

TWO TINS FOUND ON A STEAMBOAT.

SMUGGLER ESCAPES.

Two tins containing about 50 lbs. of gunpowder were seized in unusual manner at the Canton steamer wharf of the Hong Kong, Canton & Macao Steamboat Co., Ltd., yesterday.

The "Lungshan" was coaling at the wharf. A junkman is alleged to have attempted to put one of the tins into the native engineer's room when the latter demurred, pointing out that the tin was addressed to the "Fatshan" and not the "Lungshan."

When other attention was drawn, the junkman realised his position and threw the second tin into the harbour, whence it was recovered.

It is suspected that the powder was to have been smuggled away to Canton.

Chief Preventive Officer S. J. Clarke of the Revenue Dept. has the case in hand.

LOCAL SHIPPING.

TO-DAY'S ARRIVALS AND CLEARANCES.

THE MORNING LIST.

This morning, the following sea-going arrivals at Hongkong were reported:

Shansi (1228) Bri. from Shanghai; B. & S.

City of Bath (3154) Bri. from Hankow and Keeling Bank Line.

Haiching (1267) Bri. from Foochow and Amoy; Douglas Lapraik, Les Fils de Paul Doumer (704) French, from Saigon; Hock Yuan Hong.

Malacca Maru (3210) Jap. from Osaka and Moji; N. Y. K.

Departures.

For Manilla: Empress of Asia.

For Bangkok: Kiangau.

For Singapore: Lat Sank.

For Shanghai: Saarbruecken, Halng Fung, Sunning.

For Swatow: Kotsu Maru.

CLEARANCES.

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SHIPS IN PORT.

At 9 a.m. to-day the following numbers of vessels were in port:

British	22
American	1
Panama	1
Norwegian	1
German	1
Japanese	1
Chinese	13
Dutch	5
Portuguese	3
French	2
No flag	1
Total	51

A Suspect Ship.

"The Poleric" was a ship which required to be subjected to an especially careful inspection by the port warden, owing to her antecedents, being what I might term a "suspect" ship as regards her adaptability for employment in the carrying of grain cargoes. Captain Cullington reported, and I so find as a fact, that when cleared, she was indifferently fitted and not grain tight.

I therefore find that the "Poleric" was unseaworthy when she began her voyage on the occasion in question, and that the responsibility for her being cleared in such condition must be shared by Captain Tait. That Captain Tait is responsible does not relieve the captain and officers of the "Poleric" from being visited with the consequences of their conduct in either actively misleading him, or refraining from assisting him, as they were obliged, to have the ship made seaworthy.

A Feeling of Dissatisfaction.

As to the other ships referred to in the course of the investigation, I find that there was conflicting evidence, but nevertheless a feeling of dissatisfaction was manifested in the shipping community in respect of these (notwithstanding no disaster followed) as well as in the manner in which Captain Tait was performing his duties.

Captain Tait's efficiency as a navigator is not in any way impugned hereby, but only his capacity for performing the duties of this particular shore job—a line of work for which it may safely be asserted he was not qualified, having particular regard to the fact that he had not had sufficient experience as master in the grain carrying trade.

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BIRTHS.

BOSTOCK.—On Sept. 21, at Swedenbank, Colombo, to Mr. and Mrs. N. S. Bostock, a son.

MARWOOD.—At the Fraser Memorial Home, Colombo, on Sept. 21, to Mr. and Mrs. H. C. Marwood, a daughter.

WHITE.—At the Fraser Memorial Nursing Home, Colombo, on Sept. 22, to the wife of H. J. White, a son.

Hongkong, Thursday, October 7, 1926.

AN END OF MARKING TIME.

Marking time is not at the best a profitable proposition. In the case of the Government essential public works are held up; votes are trimmed down to the uttermost; and a general state of vegetation creeps in that works to the detriment of the Colony as a whole. Retrenchment may to some have something of a glorious, self-sacrificing ring about it—clear to the hearts of those who would like nothing better than to be regarded by posterity as Apostles of Economy. But it is not always proved by subsequent hard facts to be real economy. A certain municipality once upon a time was "hard up." It had got into the hands of municipal spendthrifts, and, to save the ship, it resolved to raise a loan to pay its debts and at the same time to suspend all work on roads, bridges, and public utilities for a period of two years. But it reckoned not with the Minister for Public Works for the State. "However you economise, however you retrench, however you raise funds to pay your debts, provide a sinking fund, and secure your financial future, it is imperative that you continue the legitimate maintenance and repair of your roads, bridges, and public utilities, or your last state will be immeasurably worse than your first." And that dictum had to be obeyed—merely to prove the wisdom of the Minister's words.

Here we have retrenchment and economy dinned into our ears since the fat went forth at the instance of Sir Reginald Stubbs. The Government has fallen down and worshipped the ideal. Retrenchment has been converted from a panacea into a mania. Money, money everywhere and not a cent to spend on ensuring

the ultimate benefit of the Colony. There must be no more spoiling things for the lack of a halfpenny worth of tar. The financial administration of the Colony has got to be galvanised. Rip Van Winkleism must go. The need for a bold and progressive policy will be greater after October 10—the date of the termination of the boycott—than it has ever been since the close of the Great War. In the framing of the Budget shortly we look to the Government to take its courage in its hands and to display at long last a stroke of real financial genius. The Colony is ready for it. Let it not be disappointed!

MR. POULTER SHOT?

BELIEF OF RELEASED LADY MISSIONARY.

When a naval communiqué announced that the captured Customs launch "Kongmoon Chai" had been found and Miss Leonore Scarlett, a missionary, taken back to Kongmoon, nothing was said as to the fate of Mr. Poultier, the Customs officer in charge, or of the three loyal seamen. From later reports it appears probable that these were murdered out of hand when the attack took place.

The launch is reported to have been captured as the result of compunction of certain of the crew, new men who had not long been with the boat; these also smuggled two members of the gang on board who emerged on a given signal. Soon after the launch left Kongmoon shots were heard on deck and the engineer and fireman were confined in the engine room. Miss Scarlett later being taken from her cabin and placed with them. Although neither of them saw the events on deck they are of opinion that the shots were fired at Mr. Poultier and the loyal crew on deck in order that possession of the vessel might be secured.

M. C. L. FETE.

FIXED FOR SATURDAY,
NOV. 6.

The annual fete organised by the Hong Kong Women's Guild has come to be one of the brightest of the winter functions and the Guild officials are working with a view to making the fete this year as attractive and successful as ever. The date fixed for the fete is November 6 (a Saturday), the use of the grounds of Government House having been granted by permission of H.E. the Governor. The fete will open at 2.30 p.m.

CORRESPONDENCE.

DISPOSSESSED PROPERTY OWNERS.

ALLEGED UNFAIRNESS.

To the Editor of the "China Mail."

Sir,—In their policy of town planning at Kowloon City and other places in the Colony, the Government ordered many dwellings to be pulled down; alternative sites being allocated to owners in districts under development with the condition that houses should be built within a certain period.

As one who was affected by this, I should like to know how it is that the Government are holding the dispossessed owners to the letter of the agreement as regards the period of time for erection, taking the land away if building work is not put in hand, whereas the Government itself has failed to make good its promise with regard to developing the neighbourhood and providing roads—schemes which are held up on account of the "economy" campaign.

Surely, in view of the fact that the same factors have contributed to the shortage of capital on the part of the owners and of the Government, due allowance should be made for delay in erection; two years should be allowed, as it will probably be fully that time before the Government, on its part, completes the work of development.

As it is, the owners are losing all round in that their original houses have been pulled down and even the alternative sites taken away from them.

To give a few instances.—Alternative sites for ones taken over by the Government were provided in Yau Ma Tei adjacent to a spot which the Government announced its intention of developing as a market, sites which it is understood would be adequate compensation in view of enhanced values which the vicinity of a market would give them. The market scheme is indefinitely postponed—but is the liability of dispossessed owners and others who bought land on this understanding indefinitely postponed? Not a bit of it. If the houses are not erected in the prescribed periods, the land is taken over again by the Government.

And then, again, the dairy farms which had been scattered about Kowloon and the vicinity of the sites of which the Government took over, providing new ones at the back of Diamond Hill, Kowloon City. Owing to the remoteness of the new site, it was understood that a road would be built connecting up with the Kowloon City road. Has that agreement been fulfilled? Not a bit of it. There is only a rough track, a bridge on which has still to be repaired. The new site certainly has the advantage of a supply of clean water but there is practically no pasture. It seems to me that the proprietors of these small dairy farms have just cause for grievance as have all who either bought, or were awarded as compensation, land which it was "understood" would be developed by the Government. The Government is not alone in being hit by prevailing depression. The same conditions have contributed to restricting capital for developing land everywhere and the same "indefinite postponement" conditions—or at least two years' grace, should be afforded private persons which the Government has arranged for itself.

Yours, etc.,
JUSTICE

Hong Kong, Oct. 6.

REPUBLIC ANNIVERSARY.

To the Editor of the "China Mail."

Sir,—After reading the doings which took place in celebration of the Anniversary of the Republic of Portugal on Tuesday, it strikes me to enquire if the two members of Council representing as they do the Chinese of this Colony, are to hold any function on the coming Sunday to mark the 15th Anniversary of the Republic of China.

What I mean is, will there be a reception, say at the Chinese or at the Merchants' Club, where East meets West in a spirit of concord amidst feelings of sincerity and warm friendship?

The opportunity should not be missed, as the day is free to all, and I am sure that H.E. the Governor will be delighted to attend, as it was he who spoke of the high values that will bring about the formation of a Concord Club in this Colony, the membership of which, of course, was to include Chinese.

If I am not mistaken, the Chinese Ambassador at the European Courts hold this annual function which is usually attended by a distinguished gathering.

The two Chinese representatives, enthusiastic as they are, confined at foot of next column.

CHURCH OPENING.

UNIQUE H.K. FUNCTION ON SATURDAY.

DETAILS OF SERVICES.

On Saturday the official opening

will be held of the new To Tsin Church (First Church of Christ in China) at Bonham Road.

At 2 p.m. a dedicatory service will be conducted by the Rev. S. W. Cheung of the Basel Mission, who is the oldest minister among the Chinese available for this occasion. He is also the father of the present pastor of this Church.

As 4 p.m. the Church Hall will be opened by Madame Wu Ting-fang who is a sister of the late Sir Kai Ho Kai and a daughter of a former minister, the Rev. Ho Tsun-shin, who was perhaps the first ordained minister in Kwangtung province. (Dr. Wu Ting-fang was the best known diplomat of modern China and died in Canton in 1922.)

Bazaar Proceeds.

At 6.30 p.m. a dinner will be taken in the Church Hall. It will be a Chinese dinner, the cost of tickets for which is \$2.

The net proceeds of the recent bazaar will be, somewhat over \$7,000, a very substantial sum towards the reduction of the debt of \$40,000.

On Sunday at 2 p.m. the first regular service will be held in the Church, and it is expected that there will be two weddings on Monday.

On Monday evening a concert will be given in the Church Hall by the boys of the Ying Wa College, the day being a holiday in honour of the Chinese National Day (inaugural of the Republic).

THREE PASSES.

ROYAL SANITARY INSTITUTE CERTIFICATE.

CABLE FROM LONDON.

An examination for the certificate of "Inspectors of Nuisances" was held by the Hong Kong Board of Examinations of the Royal Sanitary Institute in August last.

Four candidates presented themselves, and of these the following were successful:—A. T. Braley, E. N. Powsford, R. A. Smith.

The candidates' examination papers were submitted to the Institute in London and a cable has just been received confirming the decision of the Hong Kong examiners.

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may be making arrangements for the reception, which, I hope, will meet with success, especially as it is an occasion on which the ties of cordiality would be drawn closer together.

Yours, etc.,
WELL-WISHER.

Hong Kong, Oct. 7.

THE "WAN-HSIEN" HEROES.

To the Editor of the "China Mail."

Sir,—The moving circumstances of the death of Nelson have been told by Southey with a touching fulness which has found its way to many a heart of the past and present generations. The epic of the Yangtsze River, when Commander Darley, of H.M.S. "Despatch" who had been sent from Hankow with a party of officers and men, arrived at Wanhsien and set out to rescue the officers of the "Wanliu," which

had been so graphically described in the columns of your paper, will go down in history and in the annals of the British Navy for all time.

Shanghai papers to hand report a memorial service of a "semi-official character" which was held at Holy Trinity Cathedral on Sunday last, when the British Consul-General and the entire Consular Body of Shanghai paid tribute to those who had laid down their lives in protection of British and other interests against the tyrannies of a Spartan treaty violator. Is that heroism nothing to Hong Kong?

One can say no more!

Yours, etc.,
MONITOR.

Hong Kong, Oct. 7.

(See also page 8, under sport.)

CONCERT PROCEEDS.

\$3,000 RAISED FOR ALICE HOSPITALS.

THOSE WHO HELPED.

A sum of \$3,082.47 in the total—including a very generous contribution of \$500 from Captain T. P. Hall—of proceeds of the concert held in the Theatre Royal on Sept. 20 in aid of the Alice

THURSDAY, OCTOBER 7, 1926.

THE CHINA MAIL.

IN A DILEMMA.

MINERS RETURNING IN THOUSANDS,
BUT REJECT PROPOSALS.

London, Oct. 6.—An anomalous position has been created in the coal fields, where the miners are returning to work in thousands daily, whilst the districts generally are overwhelmingly rejecting the Government's plan for district settlements and a National Appeal Tribunal.

This is explained by the fact that only in Lancashire has there been a ballot vote and there the men who have returned to work are excluded.

The decisions of other districts were reached at delegate conferences or by a show of hands at Lodge meetings, some of which were only poorly attended.

Problem for Executive.

The Miners' Executive, at their meeting in London to-day, are faced with the difficult task of deciding whether to advise the miners' delegate conference to-morrow to continue the struggle or to advise the districts to make the best terms possible without any calling off of the stoppage nationally by the Federation.

The position of the miners' leaders is further embarrassed by the fact that whilst the drift back of the miners threatens the existence of the Federation in South Wales, the miners are demanding the adoption of a militant policy.

—Reuter.

Government's Last Word.

London, Oct. 6.—On the eve of the miners' national delegate conference Mr. Stanley Baldwin, Prime Minister, has sent a letter to Mr. A. J. Cook stating that the Government's proposals of September 24 regarding a National Arbitration Tribunal must either be accepted or refused by the conference. If they are accepted the Government will introduce the necessary legislation at the earliest possible moment. If they are rejected the offer, "which has obviously failed in its primary purpose, must be withdrawn." —Reuter.

No Recommendations.

London, Oct. 6.—Mr. Cook, at the conclusion of the Miners' Executive meeting, announced that the Committee are not making any recommendations to the delegate conference.—Reuter.

Rejection Foreseen:

Rugby, October 6.—The latest reports from the mining districts afford further indication of the likelihood that the Government's offer of a National Arbitration Tribunal to be set up after the resumption of work on district settlements will be rejected at to-morrow's meeting of the National Delegate Conference.

If this negative result is reached the newspapers assume that it will be tantamount to the abandonment of any attempt at a national settlement, as there is no other proposal before the parties to the dispute.

The drift back to work on terms offered by the mine owners, on a basis of a longer working day, continues and to-day it was authoritatively reported that over 193,000 are now employed at producing coal. This figure does not take into account the safety men in the under pits or those engaged on various other duties at the mines. To-day's increase exceeded 7,000.—British Wireless Service.

RUBBER MARKET.

LATEST QUOTATIONS FROM SINGAPORE.

SEVERAL DIVIDENDS.

[By courtesy of Messrs. Carroll Bros.]
Singapore, Oct. 7.—The price of Rubber is now 71½ per lb.

The following dividends have been announced:

Bukit Jelutong—9% final, making 14% for the year.

Mandalai Tekongs—10% final, making 15% for the year.

Kuala Sawahs—4% interim.

Pusin Rubber & Tin, Ltd.—final 2½% for 1925/6; bonus 5% for 1925/6; interim 2½% 1926/7.

Takao Valley Tin Dredging N.L.—1% dividend.

The following are the latest prices:

	Straits.
Ailenbys	\$13.75
Changkat Serdangs	10.75
Glenalles	2.95
Jerams	1.00
Jimahs	2.80
Kedahs	4.75
Lunas	4.30
Malaka Pindas	3.05
Malakkoffs	5.20
New Serendangs	5.30
Pajans	15.00
Sandycrofts	3.21

BYNG BACK.

Rugby, October 6.—Lord Byng returned to Britain to-day on the completion of his five years' service as Governor-General of Canada—British Wireless Service.

THE WEATHER.

OFFICIAL FORECAST: FINE LATER.

ABOUT THE TYPHOON.

Till noon to-morrow the official forecast for the weather is: Strong E. winds; rain at first, fine later.

For the Formosa Channel it is: N.E. gale.

Various "warnings" circulated about the typhoon are:

4:45 p.m. yesterday—within 120 miles of Lat. 16 N., Long. 128 E., moving W.N.W.

10:35 a.m. to-day—within 60 miles of Lat. 16 N., Long. 125 E., moving W.N.W.

Manila, 9:45 a.m. to-day—Lat. 17 N., Long. 126 E., moving W.N.W.

Shanghai, 10:25 a.m. to-day—severe typhoon within 120 miles of Lat. 17 N., Long. 127 E., moving N.W.

At 10:47 a.m. to-day the Observatory reported:

The position of the Guam typhoon is uncertain. The other is about 200 miles E.N.E. of Manila moving W.N.W. The present probability is that it will pass near Hainan on Sunday morning.

Pressure has increased considerably from Tokyo to Hakkaido and slightly from Chefoo to Formosa and Hong Kong. It has decreased slightly over Luzon.

Meteorological observations at 6 a.m. to-day (for Hong Kong): barometer 29.82; temperature 73°; humidity 82%; wind E., force 5; weather overcast.

NEW GREAT HOTEL.

CHANGES IN THE STRAND.

An important change is foreshadowed on the north side of the Strand, concurrently with the transformation which is taking place on the south side. The Strand Palace Hotel is to be rebuilt and enlarged.

It is the aim of the possessing company, Strand Hotel Ltd., to erect on the site not only one of the biggest, but also one of the most handsome hotels in London, and for this purpose they are negotiating for the acquisition of the leases of practically all the property on either side of the present hotel entrance as far as Burleigh Street on the east and Exeter Street on the west—giving a frontage to the Strand of about 660 ft.

"Major M. J. Gluckstein, the chairman of the company, which also owns the Regent Palace Hotel, has told the shareholders of the project, but he has explained that it will not be possible to begin work for some time. It is hoped to start the development of the additional site on the expiry of the existing leases in 1928.

The hotel's representative of "The Daily Telegraph" was informed, will be double its present size, and will contain over 900 bed-rooms. Under the scheme, all the buildings between Barclays Bank, at the corner of Burleigh Street, with the exception of the entrance to the Strand Palace Hotel, will be pulled down. In this way nearly a dozen unprepossessing premises—shops with suites of offices above them—will disappear from this part of the Strand, to make way for the frontage of a hotel which already occupies much of the area behind them. As a much larger staff will be required, new staff premises to accommodate 200 persons have already been built in Exeter Street, with bridge and subway communication to the hotel.

The site of this important development has a special interest for Londoners, for on it stood, until nearly a quarter of a century ago, the famous Exeter Hall, the great rallying centre for Nonconformists, while near by were the offices of the "Globe" newspaper. St. Michael's Church used to stand at the corner of Burleigh Street until the parish was united with that of St. Paul's, Covent Garden.

GERMANS KILLED BY FRENCH OFFICERS.

Berlin, September 28.—The German press demands a strict and impartial investigation of the slaying of two German civilians by French army officers at Germersheim yesterday. The shooting, in which two other Germans were wounded, followed a dispute over lights. The records of the two officers show that they were principals in a similar affair last July and that they were allowed to go unpunished.

The German press is not hysterical over the matter but it claims that there should be a fair and open trial and the editors point out that this incident emphasizes the need for a better Franco-German understanding. If the French will keep the letter of the Locarno pact they will withdraw all their troops from German soil, so the papers insist.

CURFEW.

CHICAGO LAW TO STOP CRIME.

HOME BY 10 P.M.

New York.—Invoking a curfew law three years old but heretofore unenforced, Chicago police have ordered all young people under 16 off the streets between 10 p.m. and 6 a.m. unless accompanied by parents.

The reason for this action is provided by repeated protests, at the growing number of attacks on girls. The police say that this is because youths are allowed to roam the streets and frequent inns.

In future parents of unescorted children will be fined, and for a second offence the young people will be dealt with as juvenile delinquents.

The curfew applies to all minors.

Under this county police, acting by the sheriff's order, went along lonely roads disturbing youthful couples who had sought romantic solitudes and warned them that they must henceforth do their courting at home.

ECHO OF OLD TRIAL.

HARRY THAW'S AUTOBIOGRAPHY.

New York, Sept. 1.

Harry Thaw, the central figure twenty years ago in one of America's most sensational murder trials, has written his autobiography, which is largely devoted to a bitter denunciation of an unnamed member of his legal counsel, whom he charges with betraying him to Stanford White's friends. Hence the name of the book, "The Traitor." Thaw's writing is not always coherent. Occasionally he uses words not in the dictionary, and in one part there is a blank space in the midst of the description of his trial, with the words "The censor cut this out."

Thaw speaks well of Evelyn Nesbit, his wife, whose tale of White's enticement caused him to kill the latter. She was "a gallant, immovable, steadfast figure, foiling open enmity and secret treason by simple truth." He even has some kind words for the victim, "White had his good points," Thaw writes, "and apart from his one vice, was a man of many attractions." Thaw denies that he was insane, and says he killed White under "the unwritten law."

Fifty thousand copies of the book, have been printed at an expense to Thaw of \$5,000. The Pittsburgh millionaire is now a white-haired, slender-looking man with a constant bodyguard who distributes large tips wherever he goes for the gratification of being recognised publicly.

THE TELEGRAPHS.

ANNOUNCEMENT BY THE FOREIGN COMPANIES.

Shanghai, Sept. 30.

As in February last, the three foreign cable companies, the Great Northern, the Eastern Extension and the Commercial Pacific, have, owing to the Chinese Telegraph Administration having failed to settle their half-monthly accounts as arranged, again been reluctantly compelled, as from midnight 27th-28th instant, to refuse to accept from the Administration telegrams, other than Government telegrams, unless accompanied by cash.

So far the Administration has failed to comply with the companies' request for cash payments as regards telegrams from offices in Hupeh and Hunan, which telegrams have been withheld by the Administration since the above-mentioned hour, but as regards telegrams from other places arrangements have since been made for daily cash settlements, and such telegrams have been forwarded as usual since the afternoon of the 29th instant.

In a statement issued by the three companies they express regret at any inconvenience this measure may cause and say they feel sure that the public will agree that they have no alternative but to insist upon cash payments.

UP-COUNTRY CHANGES.

Chinkiang, Sept. 24.—Last night Mr. Pratt, the British consul at this port left for Chungking, where he will have charge of the consulate for the time being. Several residents have recently returned from America, and amongst them are Rev. and Mrs. C. C. Marriott of the Southern Baptist Mission. Miss Kesler has taken over the principalship of the Girls' High school, and Nurse Sayles has taken up her duties in the Women's hospital again.—"N. C. Daily News."

Through a pot of boiling congee being upset, a hawker was badly scalded in the face at No. 48 Queen's Road West, yesterday.

BOYCOTT END.

(Continued from Page 1.)

British goods would be suspended October 10.

It is understood that the announcement means the complete suppression of pickets and the lifting of all bans against normal communication and trade between Canton and Hong Kong.

There is considerable diversity of opinion as to the reasons for this sudden change of attitude on the part of the Canton authorities and it is thought in many quarters to be a prelude to a movement for obtaining international recognition of the South China Federation.

Mission Going Abroad.

A report is current that a mission has already been sent to foreign capitals with this end in view.

Another view is that the new British policy of regarding all pickets as pirates, to be hunted down when found operating on the waterways, has been a deciding factor in the case.

In this connection it is thought that recent official intimation that 14 British warships, of a type suitable for river patrol work, have been ordered to China, has impressed the Canton Government.

He stated that his reference to the Chief Secretaryship had been misunderstood in some quarters. It did not mean an active step of destruction, but a slow and gradual process of evolution which would eventually mean that the chief executive officer of the Federation would be an officer different from the present Chief Secretary, but not necessarily exercising diminished powers.

The unofficial members considered His Excellency's speech during the luncheon interval, and when Council resumed the Hon.

Mr. Choo Kia-peng, speaking on behalf of the other unofficial members, said that they would reserve their comment upon the statement, and asked His Excellency to adjourn the debate on the financial devolution report until the Budget meeting at the end of this year.

His Excellency acceded to this request, and the debate was accordingly adjourned.

SHANGHAI AND OSAKA.

JAPANESE AVIATION.

PROPOSED SERVICE BETWEEN SHANGHAI AND OSAKA.

Shanghai, Oct. 7.

Two of three Japanese hydroplanes belonging to the Nippon Aviation Company, which left Motoo this morning, arrived at 10:40 and 11:30.

The planes left Osaka at 4:10 on a trial flight prior to leaving for Shanghai.

It is proposed to establish an air service between Shanghai and Osaka.

BELL-LESS HOTEL.

PHONE CALLS TO BOOTS FROM BEDROOM.

The new Park Lane Hotel at Hyde Park Corner, S. W., is expected to be opened at Christmas, and to be in full swing for the New Year festivities.

Each of the 325 bedrooms will have its own private bathroom attached, an innovation as far as London hotels are concerned. There will not be a single bell-push in the whole building; each bedroom will have its telephone by which guests will be able to call up the hotel staff or friends.

The breakfast room will be in the style of an old English country house, with a large open fireplace and a carpet specially woven to represent stone tiling. The smoking room will be an exact replica of the historical Reindeer Inn at Banbury, and the grill room will be made of old oak brought from the house of a famous financier.

The ballroom will be one of the largest in London, running practically the entire length of one side of the building.

About 2,500,000 bricks were taken to build the hotel, which will have eight solid marble pillars supporting the Piccadilly frontage.

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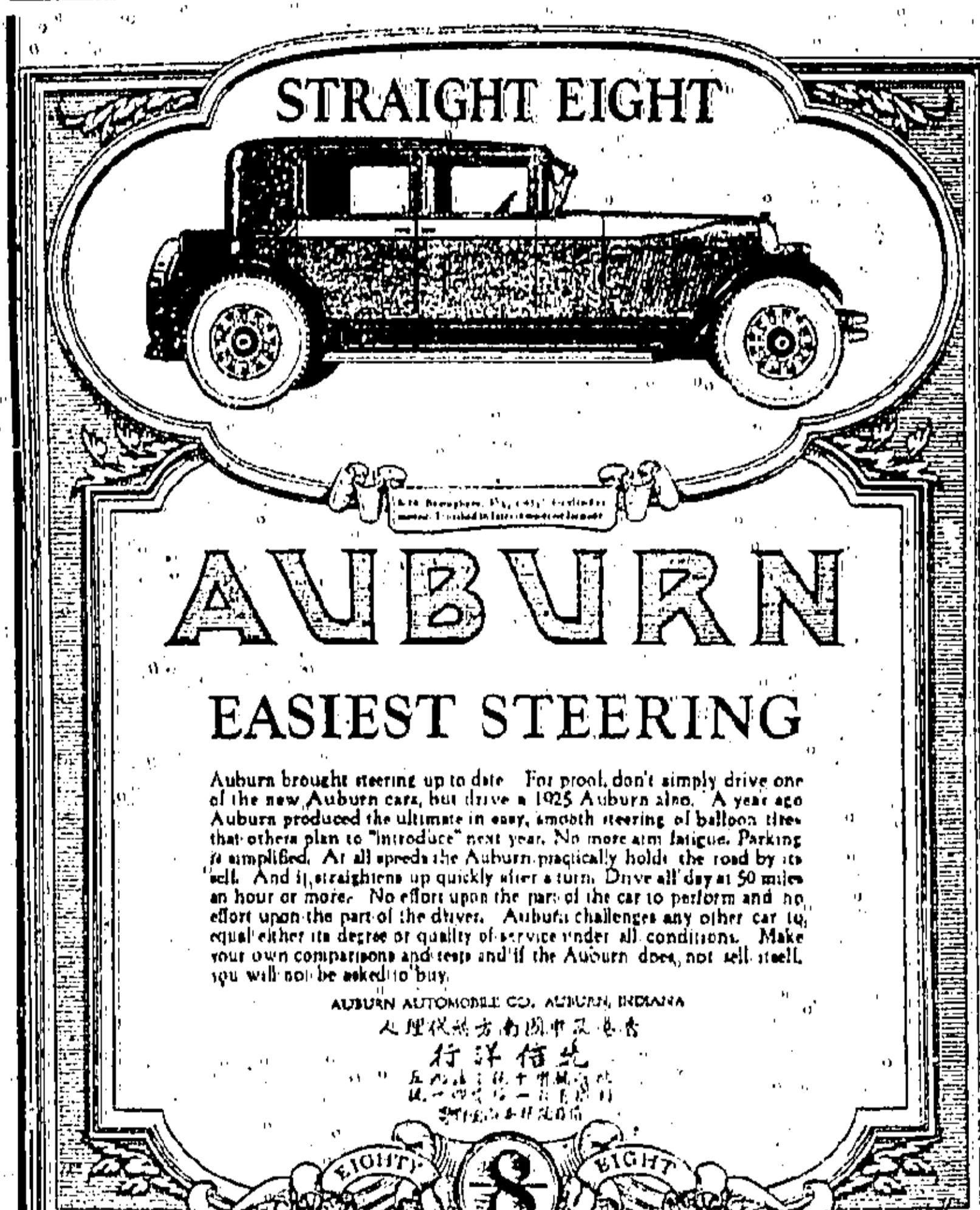
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LOCAL AND GENERAL NEWS.

The Municipal Council of Batavia has considered a big scheme for the improvement of the lighting and sanitation of the town. The plan includes the filling in of the Molenvliet "kali," better street lighting, and the erection of wash-houses for laundry. At present all Batavia wash clothes in the "kali."

Osaka, September 29.—A collision between a submarine and a schooner, in which the former knocked her head against the latter from under, occurred yesterday afternoon near Kure. The submarine ("Ro-18") was slightly damaged, but the schooner, loaded with copper ore, was seriously damaged and sunk. The crew was rescued.

Peking, September 28.—The Telephone Administration faced with numerous applications for the installation of telephones, has sent out a general letter to all telephone users in arrears with their bills that unless complete payment of old bills is made at once the instruments will be removed. It is stated that great numbers of telephone subscribers have failed to pay their bills for months past.

Ottawa.—Owing to a shortage of 20,000 harvest hands in Western Canada wages have been increased from 14s. to 21s. a day, all found. An influx of harvesters from the United States is hoped for and extra trains are being run from all Canada east of the Great Lakes in the hope of gathering last-minute crews. Emergency calls from the west, especially from Saskatchewan and Alberta, are reaching the Government.

Alcoholic delights have a strong appeal for the natives of Rarotonga, the principal island of the Cook group, according to a description of South Sea Island drunkenness, by Mr. Robert Keable, the author. There are certainly many stories of the strength and potency of the home-brewed intoxicants most favoured by the islanders, and it is said that the drink is usually made from the roots of a certain tropical plant. After partaking too freely of this native "fire water" one night, a certain Scot returned to his shipmates and, in reply to their questions as to the quality of the liquor, replied—"Man, it's enough to make a rabbit sit up and spit in the face of a bulldog!"

SOCIAL AND PERSONAL NEWS.

Passengers arriving by the s.s. "Satarbruecken" from Europe included Mr. and Mrs. A. Fothergill and Mr. G. Boedicker.

Among the passengers arriving yesterday by s.s. "President Jackson" was Miss E. Woods, daughter of the Governor of the Philippines, en route for Seattle.

Sir H. H. J. Gompertz, Chief Justice, F.M.S., and formerly Puisne Judge at Hong Kong, is expected to arrive in Kuala Lumpur today. He returned from Home on the s.s. "Mauritius."

The forthcoming wedding is announced of Frank Stewart Gumley, civil engineer, of Hamphrys Buildings, Kowloon, to Elizabeth Margaret Grey Hall, of Selkirk, Scotland.

It is reported that the Chinese Customs Administration proposes to send a score of members of the Chinese staff to Europe, America and Japan to study customs systems in those countries. Those who have been in the service for seven years will be qualified to go.

Superintendent T. I. Vaughan, of the Shanghai Municipal Police, has been appointed to the post of Chief Superintendent. This promotion follows the retirement from the force of Chief Superintendent Wilson, who left the force last Thursday after 43 years' service. Superintendent Vaughan, is a very popular officer and for some time has been doing special work, often appearing in court as prosecutor for the Municipal Police.

Friends of Mr. Ralph A. Cooper will be interested to know that his mother-in-law, Mrs. A. T. Smith, was the leading speaker at the Liberal meeting at Portage-in-Prairie, Manitoba, on Sept. 4. The meeting was in support of Mr. Evan McPherson, Liberal candidate, who defeated the Hon. Arthur Meighen, former Premier of Canada. Mrs. Smith is an experienced public speaker, having been President of the Canadian Presbyterian Women's Society for some time. Both Mr. and Mrs. Cooper have been active workers for the Liberal party in Canada for many years.

Lighting-up time to-day is at 6.06 p.m.

The Colony had a clean bill of health on Wednesday when no case of notifiable disease was reported.

We are informed by Messrs. Chellermay & Co. that their grand Autumn Sale will close on Saturday, the 9th instant.

Adelaide.—The South Australian Government has granted half an acre of the grounds of Government House, with a frontage of 105 feet on the north terrace, for a war memorial which is to cost £25,000. Competition for the design is restricted to South Australians who are British. The Returned Soldiers' Association are taking an enthusiastic interest in the project.

By order of the Soviet Government, a Russian medical Corps consisting of a number of doctors, chemists, and 16 nurses, left Moscow for Urga on September 21. Their object is stated to comprise the study of health conditions in Mongolia, as well as the furnishing of medical treatment to the Mongolian people, and their headquarters will be established in the western suburbs of Urga. The Medical Corps took with it a large quantity of medicines and surgical instruments.

Negotiations are being carried on between the Soerabaya postal authorities and the manager of Messrs. Whiteaway, Laidlaw and Co.'s Soerabaya branch with a view of establishing an auxiliary post office on the branch premises. These negotiations have so far been unsuccessful but the manager of Whiteaways has cabled to his head office in London for further advice.

London, September 22.—A sensation has been caused by the London Stock Exchange posting up an official notice prohibiting its members from taking out bookmakers' licences or from using the Stock Exchange or members' office as betting premises. The prohibition applies to clerks also. There are at present many bookmaker members of the Stock Exchange and the Committee has so far winkled at the practice, but, as all bookmakers must now be registered, the Committee has stepped in to point out that the articles of association do not allow a bookmaker also to be a member of the Stock Exchange.

Amata reports that there has been considerable activity in Java in an illicit trade in pre-war German bank notes, particularly the brown 1,000-mark notes. The chief centre appears to be at Singapore, and the victims are generally native Hadjis travelling via Singapore to the Dutch East Indies.

Peking, September 27.—According to reports published in the "Shih Chieh Jih Pao," a large unit of Cantonese troops is now beginning a campaign against Anhui Province from south-east Hupeh, with Anking as the objective, for the purpose of cutting in two Sun Chuan-fang's forces. Their immediate objectives are Yingshan, Taihu and Sosung.

Johannesburg.—The brothers Ratshosa, Chiefs of the Barnangwato tribe in Bechuanaland, are appealing against the sentence of ten years' hard labour passed on them for an attempt to murder the regent of the tribe, Tshedi, on Easter Monday. The appeal is being heard at Mafeking. The appellants' counsel addressed the court for 24 hours, a record speech for South Africa.

A "Daily Mail" reporter who set out to find a tall policeman, had only a few hundred yards to go before hearing of Police-Constable Nichols, of the City of London force, who is the tallest policeman in England. He is 6ft. 8in. in his socks. A Manchester rival is a mere 6ft. 6½in. In addition to Constable Nichols, the City of London police claim to have several taller men than the Manchester giant in their ranks. The Metropolitan Police say that they can produce a number of police officers more than 6ft. 7in. The City Police are generally regarded as the tallest in the world.

Peking, September 30.—The resuscitation of the old Peiyang military party is foreshadowed in a telegram from Chengchow, published in the "Yi Shih Pao" this morning, which states that Marshal Wu Pei-fu, in a speech before the Commanders, advocated the reunion of the adherents of the party and suggested that ex-President Tsao Kun should visit the various Provinces for the furtherance of the proposed reunion. The telegram states that Marshal Tsao Kun will shortly visit Anhui and Chekiang in order to interview Marshal Sun Chuan-fang, General Lu Hsiang-ting and other influential persons.

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All the subsequent typhoon reports from last Thursday are included, completing a terrible tale of havoc and loss of life.

The latest piracy is described.

The "China Mail" has made it a practice of adding footnotes and explanations to all articles that present difficulties to non-Chinese. Such are faithfully reproduced in the "Overland." If you are stumped for an answer this edition will help you out, either as news for folks at home or as a handy reference.

Then again, the daily developments in the "boycott settlement" are recorded. Instead of writing a long letter send a copy instead and thereby get a full narrative, containing all views.

You are also told about the trend of our Naval movements on the Yangtse, about the anti-British demonstration, and about the present war—how the Cantonese met their equals for the first time and how defence is being converted into offence.

Other items are the special "end of boycott" cartoons: the set of photos of all Canton's celebrities: local weddings: correspondence, &c.

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SPORTS SECTION

CORRESPONDENCE.

CHALLENGE BY NAVAL BOXER.

H.K.B.A. PLEASE NOTE.

To the Editor of the "China Mail": Sir.—As I now know definitely that Stoker George ("General") Booth will be remaining out here, I ask for the courtesy of your drawing attention to his being a first-class man who will be ready to meet any one in the Colony at 160 lbs.

George beat Attie White (U.S. Fleet champion) in Shanghai and the "China Press" voted the bout to the best of an evening's most excellent programme. Also Booth is staying on the China Station and taking his discharge out here. I hope he will be in Hong Kong. May he also win the Naval championship next year.

He has a pupil in Stoker Saunders of H.M.S. "Hollyhock" who won two fights by the K.O. in Shanghai. Saunders would very much appreciate a six-round fight under the H.K.B.A.

Yours, etc.,

A.M.

Hong Kong, Oct. 6.

INTERPORT CRICKET.

TEAMS FOR FIRST TRIAL MATCH.

WEBSTER NOT COMING.

The "China Mail" learned yesterday evening that Mr. R. E. A. Webster, the interport cricketer, is not returning to Hong Kong (as expected in a few weeks) as he has accepted an appointment in South Africa.

During his stay in the Colony of a few years (with Messrs. Hastings, Dennis & Bowley), he won a reputation as a batsman who only came off on the big occasions.

In his first interport match here (against Shanghai) he ended the "enemy's" innings by taking wickets with each of the only two balls he sent down.

In 1924 he opened Hong Kong's innings with the Rev. E. K. Quirk who has also left us.

An expert opinion of Webster is that if it had not been for his war wounds he would have been good enough for the best cricket.

His bowling deteriorated in recent seasons but he was also useful in the field.

If he had been here now there would have been little doubt as to his inclusion in the Hong Kong team to meet Shanghai here in November.

A trial match has been fixed for Saturday and will be continued on Monday (bank holiday). A team of XI is meeting XIII, as follows:

A. W. Hayward (captain),

A. C. I. Bowker,

B. D. Evans,

J. D. Humphreys,

S. A. Ismail,

R. E. H. Oliver,

A. W. Ramsay,

A. A. Rumjahn,

H. Standage,

C. D. Wales,

Capt. R. A. Wartars.

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Capt. C. A. Bridgland,

Capt. N. C. D. Brownjohn,

W. Brace,

Captain Evers,

F. C. Goodwin,

S. Jax,

G. P. Lamert,

Major Lightfoot,

J. C. Loyal,

H. V. Parker,

J. A. Summers,

G. R. Vallack,

[Start Saturday at 2 p.m. and

Monday at 11 a.m.]

Of the "probables" who come to mind and are not included are:

—R. Hancock, E. B. Reed, G. R.

Sayer, and T. E. Pearce (who is coming back from leave).

For Saturday's soccer match against China Athletic "A," Hong Kong F.C. Reserves (Club ground, 3 p.m.) will be represented by: Slipper; Hill (captain), Purves; Smith, Rafton, Puncheon; Bell, R. B. Hanson, Johnson, W. J.; King, W. J., Ross. Reserves: Howell, Brown.

London, Sept. 21.
Under Northern Union rugby rules the All Blacks beat Roehampton by 11 points to 9.

HOME SOCCER.

9 GOALS IN CHARITY SHIELD.

LEAGUE RESULTS.

London, Oct. 6.
Soccer matches played to-day (home team given first except where stated) resulted:

Charity Shield.

Amateurs 6, Professionals 3 (at Manchester).

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Sunderland 7, Burnley 1.

Div. III (South).

Brighton 3, Norwich 2.

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The league table now stands:

ENGLISH LEAGUE.

Division I.

Goals.

Team P W D L F A Pts

Sunderland 10 6 2 2 11 14

Birmingham 9 5 2 2 14 10

Leicester 9 4 4 1 30 22

Bolton 8 5 1 2 18 14

Huddersfield 9 3 5 1 18 14

Bury 10 3 5 2 22 19

Burnley 9 4 3 2 22 22

Tottenham 9 3 4 2 21 15

Newcastle 9 3 4 2 19 16

Leeds U. 9 4 2 3 17 15

Sheffield U. 9 4 2 3 14 16

Arsenal 9 3 4 2 15 18

Manch. U. 8 3 3 2 16 16

Blackburn 9 3 3 3 16 17

Wednesday 10 2 4 4 18 23

Derby 8 3 7 4 11 10

Liverpool 8 3 1 4 15 14

West Ham. 8 2 2 4 13 15

West Brom. 9 2 2 5 13 22

Cardiff 9 1 3 5 13 20

Everton 11 1 3 7 14 27

Aston Villa 9 1 2 6 12 21

Div. III (South).

Goals.

P W D L F A Pts

Bristol C. 9 6 2 1 25 14

Newport 9 6 2 1 19 8

Swindon 9 6 2 1 25 19

Luton 8 6 1 1 14 8

Millwall 10 5 2 3 23 13

Brentford 8 4 3 1 21 11

Crystal P. 9 4 3 2 14 11

Plymouth 9 4 2 3 18 12

Gillingham 9 4 2 3 16 12

Southend 9 4 2 3 16 15

Exeter 8 2 4 2 15 18

B'mouth 9 3 2 4 18 10

Norwich 9 2 3 4 19 22

N'hampton 10 3 1 6 17 21

Watford 9 3 1 5 17 16

P. R. 9 2 2 5 14 19

Bristol R. 9 2 2 5 10 17

Coventry 9 2 1 6 8 17

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Charlton 8 2 0 6 10 14

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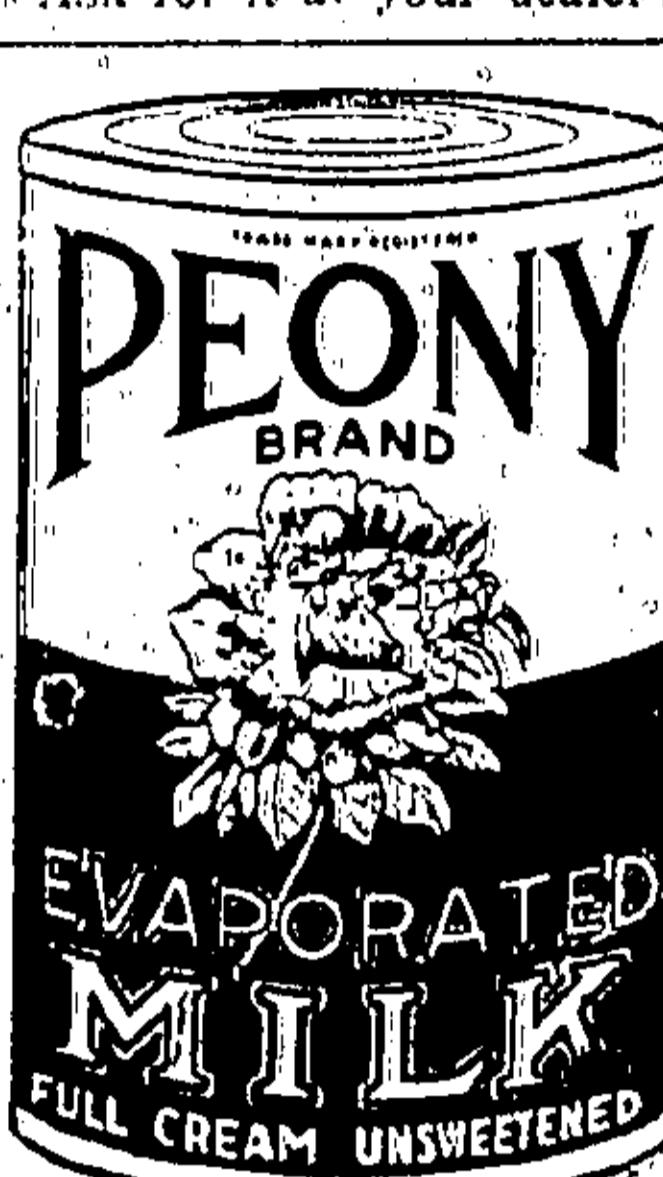
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One of the outstanding events of the Second National Indian Congress was the unveiling of the battle monument commemorating the battle of Spokane Plains, which was the last to be fought in the Pacific Northwest, September 5, 1853. Descendants of the warriors who fought there pledged everlasting peace in the sign language. The monument was unveiled by Princess America, I (Alice Garry), great-great-granddaughter of Chieftain Garry.



Helen McLaughlin cried when she heard the last hope for her father was gone, and that she would never see him again. John J. McLaughlin was to be electrocuted as one of the three men in the noted Boston car barns slaying.



In an operation remarkable for its heroism, Dr. John Bluck, (left) of New York, opened his own arteries and transfused his own blood into the body of his patient, Francie Dalton (in bed), saving the patient's life. Dr. Grant Fisher (in rear) assisted.



Mrs. Henry Ederle, mother of the channel swimmer, heard the news of her daughter's success over a public phone near her home at Atlantic Highlands, New Jersey. Gertrude's sister, Helen, and brother, Henry Jr., watched.



This is a typical scene in Mexico City during the days of religious strife. A policeman is searching a citizen for weapons.



Anna Murray, of Jamaica Plain (Mass.) is shown with a bronze statue of Eddie Boy, President Harding's dog. The statue was cast from 10,314 pennies contributed by newspaper boys.



Again the celebrated Pilgrimage Play of Los Angeles has come into national prominence, because William Faversham, noted actor, brought up the question of how the part of Christus should be interpreted, after his replacement in the role by Reginald Pole. Photo shows a group of Pilgrimage Play children on the now famous donkey ridden by "Christ" in the play which Mr. Faversham complained of as "making a bronco buster out of the character." The play is the American equivalent of Europe's Oberammergau Passion Play.



President Coolidge, accompanied by his political adviser, Frank Sterns, after visiting Everett Saunders, Mr. Coolidge's secretary, who is ill.



Senator William Borah has started on a nationwide speaking tour, opposing the World Court and Prohibition.



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FORTITUDE.

A VIVID STORY OF THE SEA.

Eight bolts had sounded and the crew, placing their buckets of sugar (soda and water) in the scupper, wiped their hands on the leeks of their trousers and satisfied with this toilet, slouched forward to their breakfast.

A wet swab, well aimed, slugged heavily against the bulkhead narrowly missing young Derreck's head. That was a signal for a general engagement amongst the apprentices—starboard watch versus port.

The chief officer, from his vantage-point on the poop, watched the battle covertly while busying himself with the gear round the mizzen-mast. He knew that discipline required him to stop the fracas, but a sneaking desire to see at least one direct hit registered before interfering induced him to assume ignorance.

Frank, the youngest, had mounted to the after-hatch, and from that elevation launched an effective salvo at the eldest apprentice.

Little leisure was given him to enjoy the success of his shot, before a swab of the enemy caught him squarely on the cheek, and losing his balance, he dropped heavily to the deck.

The boy's fall was greeted with a shout of laughter, with which the deeper note of the mate blended.

Slowly Frank rose to his feet, his face white, his lips compressed. He was evidently taking the joke unspurtingly, and it annoyed his berthmates.

"Goin' to cry, Frankie-dead?" sneered the eldest. "I'll send for me to kiss the naughty tears away."

Frank favoured his tormentor with a look of wrath, but without a word set off to the galley to bring in the breakfast, and fulfil the office of "Mary Ann," as is the time-honoured duty of the youngest apprentice.

The morning was well advanced when the vigilant eye of the mate espied an "Irish Pennant" (a loose end of a rope) hanging from a yard.

"Frank! Up aloft to the mizzen! Gallant yard and make up that rascot," he called to the youth who was working in the wats.

To his surprise the boy obeyed with manifest reluctance. Frank was usually the brightest and most willing of the boys.

Climbing slowly to the rail, Frank started to mount the rigging in a manner exceedingly aggravating to the officer.

"Get a move on there, youngster!" he barked. "That's the worst of heavy breakfasts—ham and eggs don't agree with you!"

The mate was pleased to be facetious: the boys had breakfasted on the customary "wet hash," despite the fact of the ship being in port.

Frank's pace was accelerated somewhat, though far from lively.

Arriving at the futtock shrouds, Frank paused.

Here the climber has to ascend in a manner suggesting a fly traversing the inside of a steeply inclined roof.

The officer watched him impatiently. "The boy's sulky because I laughed when he fell off the hatch," he concluded; and his anger rose at the suggestion.

"Move yourself, you sulky young brat," he roared. "A clout with a wet swab is nothing to what I'll give you if you aren't over that top in one, two!"

The boy made an effort to mount the shrouds, failed, and slowly descended the rigging, casting piteous glances at the storming officer.

"It's no good, sir," Frank almost whimpered as he stepped on to the poop. "I can't get over the top; my side hurts too much!" As he spoke, he pressed one



DRUG PLANTS.

CURES FOR MOST DISEASES IN KEW GARDENS.

Kew Gardens has a most extensive collection in existence of plants used for the manufacture of medicines, either growing or in the form of dried specimens in the museums. In a walk through the museums a "Daily Mail" reporter saw reputed cures for most diseases.

There are crab's eyes, known in Britain as "jequirity" seeds, which are used for curing cataracts of the eyes; fruits of cedar, a specific for snake bites and stomach complaints; cocculus indicus, imported from India for the preparation of stimulants and the adulteration of beer; bullock's heart, or custard apple, which cures dysentery and worms; and winter's bark, which is a medicine for scurvy.

One of the most important exhibits in the museum is clachon, which originally came from Peru, but owing largely to the work of Kew Gardens is now grown extensively in India and Jamaica.

From this is manufactured the great specific for malaria, quinine. In India everyone may buy a packet of it for a small price at any post office.

Many of the medicinal plants are grown in the British Isles and more might be grown with profit.

Among these areaconite, used in palpitation of the heart, bronchitis, and pneumonia; dill fruit, a favourite carminative for children; datura stramonium, inhaled for asthma; digitalis, or foxglove, used as a heart-stimulant.

Marguerite Jordan was named "Miss Kansas City" on winning a beauty contest there.

hand to his side, the other retained a steady grasp on the shroud; his face, white and drawn, thoroughly alarmed the mate.

"Get below, my son," he ordered. "I'll put up the doctor's flag, and—this doubt—reviving?" "Heaven help you if you're playing the 'old soldier'!"

Frank mumbled something as he turned, and descending entered the half-deck.

At the sight of the latter "D" fluttering from the monkey-gaff a lunchward-bound motor-linen altered her course and the doctor, with a sigh of resignation, once more donned his gloves to negotiate the ship's oscillating Jacob's ladder.

"Easier too much, I expect," suggested the mate informed him of the youth of his patient and the seat of the pain.

"Not in this ship, they don't," the officer retorted bitterly. "Here's the doctor, Frank!" he said, as they entered the half-deck.

The boy, who had been stretched out on the cheats, laid his pipe aside and without a word prepared to die.

"He fell from the hatch this morning," resumed the officer, "perhaps that's got something to do with it."

"From the hatch to the deck, I suppose," commented the doctor, putting his thermometer away. "Well, let's have a look."

He bent over the patient. "When did he fall?" he asked at length.

"At breakfast-time."

"But your flag wasn't up when I went up harbour?"

"No," the mate ascertained. "He was working until eleven."

"Working, was he?" exclaimed the doctor. "Working until eleven with a couple of his ribs broken. He's got some ginger in him!"

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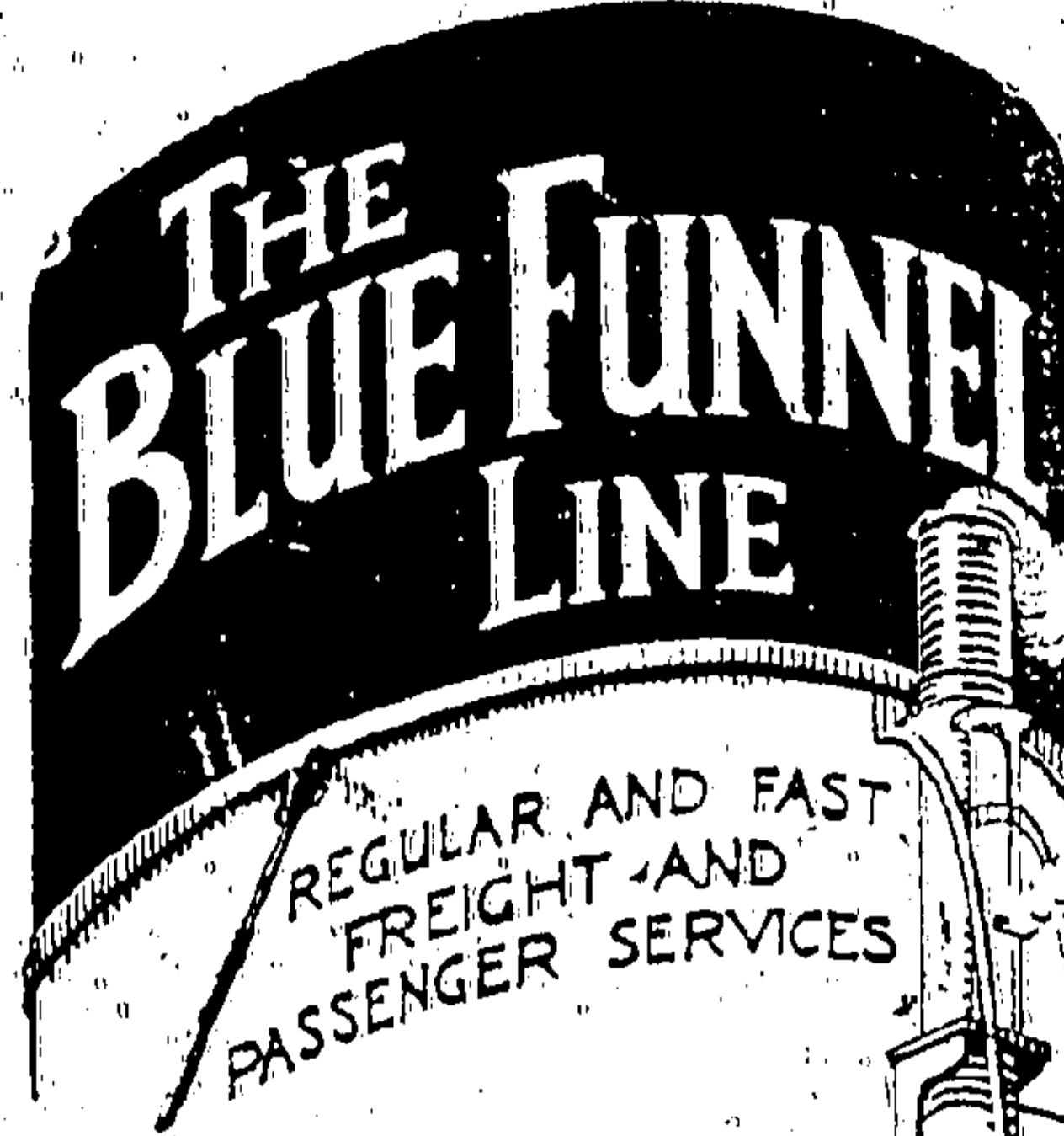
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LIST OF SHIPS EXPECTED TO BE IN WIRELESS (COMMUNICATION) WITH HONGKONG TO-DAY.

Empress of Asia, President Wilson, President Jackson, Laisang, Saarbruecken, Ampularia, Van Oostriën, City of Bath, Shirala, Kitano Maru, Sunning, Kiangsu, Philoctetes, Tjisondar, Lungshan, Hatching.

INWARD MAIRS.

From	To	Date
Amoy	Shirala	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8.
Manila	Prov. Wilson	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9.
Japan	Kitano Maru	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10.
Wuhwei	Shinchow	MONDAY, OCTOBER 11.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan and Shanghai	Tengyo Maru	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12.
U.S.A. Canada, Japan and Shanghai	Pres. McKinley	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13.
EUROPE via Naples (letters & papers London)		THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14.
9th Sept.	Pyrrhus	
Straits	Kumsang	MONDAY, OCTOBER 11.
Manila	Empress of Asia	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12.
Suez and Straits	Antenor	WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 13.
U.S.A. Honolulu, Japan & Shanghai	Pres. Lincoln	THURSDAY, OCTOBER 14.

OUTWARD MAIRS.

For	Ex- Octo- ber	Times
Shanghai, Japan, Canada, U.S.A. & S. America	FRIDAY, OCTOBER 8.	5 p.m.
*EUROPE via Victoria B.C., San Francisco 2nd Nov. & Europe via Siberia (Letters & postcards specially superprinted "Via Siberia" only). Registration 4.45 p.m. Letters 3.30 p.m.	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9.	5 p.m.
Salon	FRIEY, OCTOBER 8.	5 p.m.
Hoihow and Taiiphong	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10.	9.30 a.m.
Amoy	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12.	6 p.m.
Shanghai	SATURDAY, OCTOBER 9.	6 p.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles 7th Nov. Registration 1.45 p.m. Letters 3.30 p.m.	MONDAY, OCTOBER 10.	9 a.m.
Shanghai, Japan, Honolulu, Canada, U.S.A. & S. America & *EUROPE via San Francisco due San Francisco 3rd Nov. & Europe via Siberia (Letters and postcards specially superprinted "Via Siberia" only). Parcels 3 p.m. Registration 4.15 p.m. Letters 3 p.m.	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 11.	9 a.m.
Swatow, Amoy and Forness	SUNDAY, OCTOBER 10.	9 a.m.
Straits, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa	MONDAY, OCTOBER 11.	9 a.m.
Shanghai	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12.	12.30 p.m.
Singapore	TUESDAY, OCTOBER 12.	2.30 p.m.
Bangkok	Kwangtung	2.30 p.m.
Sabah, Ceylon, India, Mauritius, E. & S. Africa, Aden, Egypt & EUROPE via Marseilles—due Marseilles 11th Nov. Registration 11.45 p.m. Letters 1.30 p.m.	Wednesday, OCTOBER 13.	2.30 p.m.

*Correspondence bearing vessel's name only.

SIR JOHN BUCKNILL.

DEATH REPORTED FROM ALLAHABAD.
FORMERLY IN HONG KONG.

Allahabad, Oct. 6.
The death has occurred of His Hon. Sir John Alexander Strachey Bucknill, Kt. (1916) K.C.; Judge of the Patna High Court since 1920.—Reuter.

Outline of Career.
Sir John Bucknill was born at Clifton, on September 14, 1873; and was married in 1901 to Alice, youngest daughter of Admiral Sir George Richards, K.C.E., F.R.S., there being two daughters.

He was educated at Charterhouse; Keble College, Oxford; M.A. (Oxon), F.Z.S., M.B.O.U., and became a Barrister-at-law at the Inner Temple in 1896, later going on the Midland Circuit. He was appointed a Commissioner of Patents, Transvaal, in 1902; was a member of the Legislative Council, Transvaal, 1904; Chairman of Committees, Legislative Council, Transvaal, 1906; a Legal Adviser to Transvaal, 1907; Sole Commissioner to enquire into immorality amongst Chinese labourers in Transvaal, 1906.

In 1907 he became a member of the Legislative and Executive Councils of Cyprus; acted as Chief Secretary, Cyprus, 1908; King's Advocate of Cyprus, 1907-12.

From 1912 to 1914 he was Attorney-General in Hong Kong, and from 1914 to 1920 he was Chief Justice, Straits Settlements. He was Chairman, Singapore Military Service Advisory Committee, 1916; President, Commission of Investigation into Administration of State of Trengganu, 1918; President, Straits Settlements, Kedah and Johore Military Service Tribunals, 1918; President, Malayan Public Services Salaries Commission, 1918-19; President, Raffles Centenary Memorial Committee, 1920; President, Raffles Museum and Library Committee, 1920; and President, Children's Aid Society, Singapore, 1920.

He was transferred to Patna as Patna Judge in 1920 and was President of the Patna Museum Committee in 1921; President, Patna Law College 1921; and President, Numismatic Society of India, 1923.

His publications, included: "The Birds of Surrey," 1901; "The Ornithology of Cyprus," 1910; and "The Imperial Ottoman Penal Code," 1914. He was Editor of the "South African Ornithologists Journal."

His recreations were ornithology, numismatics, shooting, and fishing.

BRITISH CAPTIVE.

BANDITS BUSY IN NORTH CHINA.

Kaifeng, October 5.

Yesterday bandits under Lu Lo-chin, who recently looted Chow-kia-kow, looted Tungtsu and Chenliu. Half of them afterwards proceeded to Kihsienho and the other half to Taipingkan, twenty-five li (7½ miles) eastward of Kaifeng.

At daylight this morning the Kaifeng gates swarmed with refugees who had fled through the night from the afflicted districts. This city is inadequately protected by a small force of yuchun owing to the drafting of the regular militia to the southern front.

Among the captives taken by the bandits from Chenliu are a British missionary named Riding, with his servants and evangelist.—Reuter.

GERMAN QUARREL.

GENERAL TENDERS HIS RESIGNATION.

PRESS ATTACKS.

Berlin, October 6.
General Von Seckel has resigned his appointment as Chief of the Reichswehr.

This is attributed to the fact that he was permitted ex-Prince Wilhelm, the ex-Crown Prince's eldest son, to attend last month's manoeuvres at Wurttemberg without consulting General Geissler, Minister of Defence, who subsequently refused to defend Von Seckel's action against Press attacks.—Reuter.

EX-RULER'S CLAIMS.

PRUSSIAN GOVERNMENT'S COMPROMISE.

EX-KAISER'S LUCK IN.

Berlin, October 6.

The Prussian Government's new compromise to settle the Hohenzollern claim to estates proposes to pay the ex-Kaiser's family 15,000,000 marks in cash instead of 30,000,000 marks and alots to the ex-Kaiser 167,000 acres, including Oels Castle, in Silesia, the present residence of the ex-Crown Prince.

The ex-Kaiser must give up various castles, parks, and buildings in the vicinity of Berlin valued at 60,000,000 marks.

The Albrecht Line receives 40,000 acres and the Karl Line 47,000 acres.

The proposals will be submitted to the Prussian Diet.—Reuter.

"SMOKE" PROFITS.

FORTUNE OF THE WILLS FAMILY.

LEFT TO COUNTESS KINNOULL.

London, October 6.

A sum of £1,965,000 has been left by Mrs. Hamilton Fellows, of the tobacconist Wills family, on which Estate Duty amounts to nearly £700,000.

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